**What is Internet Privacy?**

**Internet privacy** involves the right or mandate of personal [privacy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privacy) concerning the storing, repurposing, providing to third-parties, and displaying of information pertaining to oneself via the [Internet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Internet). This information can include pictures, bank account details, e-mail address' etc. Anything personal that you would not like other people knowing, is supposed to be kept private

**What websites require you to enter personal information?**

E-mail accounts.

In order to set up an e-mail account and have an e-mail address, you are required to enter certain information over the internet. Such information includes your name, address, a selected password to gain access to your account and a selected e-mail address to use.

Social Media Websites.

In order to join some of the social media websites such as Facebook or Twitter, you have to enter your e-mail address and select a password. Then you can add optional information if you wish such as a profile picture, your home address and contact information. Many adults do not share their home address or contact information but results show that many teenagers and younger children don’t see the harm in sharing this information. You can also add other types of information onto these such as pictures from family or social events, and you can have conversations with your friends in which every other person can view if certain privacy settings are activated.

Online Banking Websites.

The introduction of the facility of online banking has certainly made it more convenient to people to view their bank accounts as it means you don’t have to travel to a bank branch to get a statement, as you can log in to your bank account online and view it on the computer screen. But there is obviously many risks to this as hackers could get into your account and view all your information. In order to set up an online banking account you have to input lots of personal information including your bank account number and home address. Banks re assure users that people can not break into your online account but for some people it is too risky to use.

Online Shopping Websites e.g. EBay

Another type of website that requires personal information is an online shopping website, for example EBay. EBay requires an account in your name to be set up in order for you to buy goods over the internet. Your account information consists of your name, home address and credit card information. This information cannot be displayed to every other user of EBay but the information is still out there and hackers can track it down.

**Consequences of entering this information**

When looking for employment in the future.

It can be assumed these days that with the boom of social media websites, most people have an account with one of them whether its facebook, twitter or one of the other ones lesser known ones. whether they use it on a day-to-day basis or never use it atall. This means that if you apply for a job, an employer can go on to one of the social media sites and browse around to see if you have a profile and the information that is displayed on these profiles whether its unsuitable conversations with a friend or a member of your family, to pictures that can be viewed of you when you were on a night out with your friends or another social event can be the difference to whether you get the job or not. This means that if you do have a profile on one of these sites, to make sure that there is nothing unsuitable on it that you would not want people seeing. This also suggests that with the boom in the use of the internet over the last decade or so, personal privacy is a thing of the past.

Another consequence with other sites such as the online banking websites or the shopping websites is that hackers can break into your account and use your personal information for their own benefit. This can include using your credit card information to buy items themselves, or withdrawing money from your bank account.

I would now like to bring in Elizabeth who will talk to ye in more information about hackers and what do and how they do it.